(6) An allotment should be made in the budget every year for giving grants for the maintenance of roads cut by the people and a portion of such allotment should be utilised in giving compensation to poor people whose lands might be taken for constructing the road. A Committee should be appointed for making the distribution, consisting of the Tahsildar and four non-official gentlemen, and the amount so given should be published in the Gazette.

(7) Instructions should be issued to the P. W. D. officers to exhort the people to take up the construction of roads.

In the light of the above suggestions the Member requested that the following roads on which the people had spent some money and labour should be dealt with, their completion facilitated and their maintenance taken up by Government as early as possible:—

(1) Pullad—Ranni road.

(2) Ezhumattur—Manimala road.

(3) The road from Krishnavilasom road to Thundiyilkadavu and its branches.

(4) Kuttur—Oathara road.

(5) Puramattom—Poovankadavu road.

He also prayed that the following roads might be improved by Government without further delay:—

(1) Chengannur—Kozhencherry Village road.

(2) Cherukolpuzha—Poovanakadavu road.

(3) The Pullad road, to be extended up to the Pamba river.

Lastly, he suggested the desirability of forming a separate section comprising the old and the new roads in the eastern *pakuthies* of the Tiruvalla taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

82. Public works in the Quilon Division with special reference to Tiruvalla.

Mr. K. M. Mammen Mapilla (Member, T. I. C., Tiruvalla) referred to the following public works as being urgently required :—

(1) Tiruvalla—Mavelikara canal. Whatever line was adopted for the canal, he requested that the work should be put in hand and completed soon.

(2) Peringara—Karakal road. The people were prepared to do the work for Rs. 1,000, though the departmental estimate amounted to Rs. 3,000, and they had given a statement to that effect. It was not known what further action was taken in the matter. The encroachments on the line should be removed by the department before the work was made over to the people.

(3) Bridges on the road from Tiruvalla to Mavelikara. All the bridges on the road, especially the one at Palathankuzhi, should be constructed early. It was necessary to provide a jungar at Palathankuzhi till such time as a bridge was constructed at the place. There would be enough water there for a jungar.

(4) Tiruvalla—Mallapalli road. The people had nearly completed the works. No culverts were required on the road. The survey of the road which had been ordered should be completed soon.

(5) Tiruvalla Town roads. There were only 8 miles on the whole. In one year Rs. 2,000 was allowed, but the grant was discontinued. An annual allotment of at least Rs. 1,000 should be provided for improving the town roads.

(6) The Pallipalam bridge should be put in hand at once, as it was an urgent work.

(7) Tiruvalla-Ezhinjillam road. Leaving out $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles which had been already done as part of the town roads, there remained only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road yet to be constructed. That should be taken up and done by the department early.

(8) The construction of the Tiruvalla-Mepral road should also receive early attention.

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(9) Cherukolpuzha-Poovanakadavu road also should be taken up for early execution.

Dewan's reply.—Action will be taken to provide a jungar at Palathankuzhi. The other points are noted.

83. Restoration of the Vellanjili canal, the construction of a road along its northern bank to connect the main road to Alleppey with the village road leading from Ambalapuzha to Karumadi and the improvement of the latter village road.

Mr. N. Sankaranarayana Panikkar (Member, Ambalapuzha taluk) represented the difficulty experienced by the inhabitants of the eastern *pakuthies*, especially non-caste Hindus who had to resort to the public offices on business. The offices were situated on the beach and there was no proper road to them. There was already a canal called the Vellanjili *thodu*, about a mile and a half in length from east to west, now in a neglected condition which, if repaired, would serve the purpose. He also wanted a road parallel to the proposed canal on its northern bank to connect the Ambalapuzha-Karumadi village road with the main road to Alleppey. If the canal be repaired, the earth secured thereby would be useful for the road. The village road leading from Ambalapuzha to Karumadi should also be gravelled and improved.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

84. Opening of a canal to connect the western end of the Vadai canal with Kunjithai.

Mr. Vinamsi Thomas (Member, Shertallay taluk) requested that, in view to improve the means of communication in the taluk, a canal should be cut along the coast from Alleppey to Arathumkal for a distance of 11 miles, connecting the branches of the several canals (known as *pozhies*) emptying the water from the paddy lands into the sea. The canal should also be joined on to the existing channel from Arathumkal to Cochin. The work could be done at much less cost than the Alleppey Shertallay canal now abandoned. The people would be willing to cut the canal themselves, provided the lands required were obtained free of compensation from the owners, and a grant of Rs. 30,000 was also allowed by Government. The proposed canal would give through communication from north to south of the taluk.

For the convenience of the people in the interior of the taluk, the following canals should be constructed east to west:—

1. From Aryad (Mannancheri) to Kattur chowkey.
2. From Mukammay to the beach *via* Mararikulam temple.
3. From Shertallay to the beach *via* Arathumkal. The length of each of the canals would not exceed 5 miles.

He also requested that the following roads should be metalled:—

1. The road from Alleppey to Shertallay and from Shertallay to Arur *via* Kuthiathode. Avenue trees should be planted on the two sides of the road.
2. The road from Thanneermukkam to Shertallay.
3. The road from Shertallay to Kunjithai.

Dewan's reply.— Noted.

85. Means of communication in the Shertallay taluk.

Mr. A. Rama Panikkar (Member, Shertallay taluk) said that, in the discussion of the relative merits of a road, canal and light railway, the taluk had so far got none of them. He represented that a main road be cut through the taluk, a portion of it being done every year.

Mr. N. R. Krishnan (Member, Nominated) requested that a light railway might be constructed connecting Alleppey with Arurmukam and that cross roads be opened later on according to necessity east to west.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5. P. M.

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